

Docket - 02-277 should close without any rules changes. Our constitution guarantees that press should be accorded free speech. Any further consolidation of the ownership of the outlets of the press; whether they are news print or electronic of Internet based, seriously limits whether alternative views will be available and whether a checks and balance system will prevent inaccurate or inadequate reporting. When Benjamin Franklin produced the first newspaper in the days before the Declaration of Independence, he did not do so to provide the British a buy out opportunity of an existing subscriber base.

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